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PROGRAM AMENDMENT
Prop 116 Non Urban Counties Program
PA-02- __; Amending Resolution PA-00-14
Action Item

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PROJECT APPROVAL AMENDMENT
PROPOSITION 116 NON-URBAN COUNTIES PROGRAM - COUNTY OF NEVADA
RESOLUTION PA-02- __ ; AMENDING PA-00-14

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the attached Resolution PA-02-__; amending Resolution PA-00-14, to modify the scope for the County of Nevada bus purchase project, at no additional cost to the state.

BACKGROUND

On December June 15, 2000, the Commission approved Resolution PA-00-14 to allocate \$524,597 to purchase four (4) CNG transit buses for the Nevada bus purchase project. The County of Nevada had planned to purchase four, (CNG) El Dorado / Cummins MST transit buses featured on the Department of General Services (DGS) purchasing list, but a road test of the El Dorado MST showed it lacked acceleration capability needed to allow for safe usage in a foothill environment. Recently, the Ford El Dorado Aerotech transit bus was added to the DGS purchasing list, which is CNG-powered and adequate for use in their service area. With the addition of local funds, the County was able to purchase seven new Conga-powered transit buses, which will add seven more seats (for a total of 119) to the fleet without additional expenditure of Proposition 116 Non-Urban Program funds.

The County of Nevada has, therefore, submitted an amended project application to change the project scope to purchase seven (7) CNG buses which will meet their needs, maintain the programming commitment and remain within the allocated budget amount.

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Project Approval Amendment Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Transit Program County of Nevada

Resolution PA- 02- Amending Resolution PA-00-14

- 1.1 WHEREAS, in June 1990 the voters approved Proposition 116, the Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act (CATIA), a bond act for \$1.99 billion for rail and transportation purposes; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) is designated in Proposition 116 to oversee the five grant programs over the 20-year term of the Proposition; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 calls for the Commission to establish an application process and to develop and adopt guidelines to implement those programs; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 requires applications to specify full and complete capital plans, financial plans and operating plans, including schedules and funding sources; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, in April 1992, the Commission adopted the Non-Urban County Transit Projects Manual, and in November 1995 adopted amended policy and application guidelines (Resolution #G-91-6 as amended by Resolution #G-95-22) for the Non-Urban County Transit Projects; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, PUC Section 99628 specifies that \$73 million shall be allocated on a per capita basis to the transportation planning agencies having jurisdiction in the 28 non-urban counties identified in Proposition 116 for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, the Commission adopted on October 18, 1991 (G-91-10), the per capita allocation for the County of Nevada in the amount of \$3,659,574; and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, the Nevada County Transportation Commission is the transportation planning agency and eligible applicant for Proposition 116 funds in Nevada County; and
- 1.9 WHEREAS, on June 15, 2000, the Commission adopted Resolution PA-00-14 approving a cost savings of \$18,354 be reprogrammed to augment the remaining unallocated \$506,243 for a total of \$524,597 to purchase four (4) CNG transit buses; and
- 1.10 WHEREAS, during a road test, the buses to be purchased showed a lack of acceleration capability to allow for safe usage in the Nevada County foothill environment; and

- 1.11 WHEREAS, with the addition of local funds, the County can purchase seven (7) smaller CNG-powered, Aerotech transit buses which are similar to twelve buses already in Nevada County's fleet, and have the acceleration to safely operate in the foothill environment; and
- 1.12 WHEREAS, the original project called for 112 passenger seats, this project approval amendment will provide 119 new "clean air" seats without additional Prop. 116 Non-Urban funds; and
- 1.13 WHEREAS, the Department, in consultation with Commission staff, has reviewed the County's amended Non-Urban County Transit Project application and found it to be consistent with the Proposition 116 Non-Urban Counties Program Guidelines, and found that the revised project provides safer vehicles for the County.

- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby approves the following adjustment to the Proposition 116 Non-Urban Counties program Application in the County of Nevada:

<u>Project</u>	<u>P116 Funding</u>
(A) Purchase two (2) 14-19 passenger and Seven (7) paratransit vehicles	\$ 371,446
Purchase two (2) 31-passenger and four (4) CNG transit buses	\$ 1,218,255
(B) Purchase two (2) 31-passenger and seven (7) CNG transit buses	\$ 1,218,255
(C) Purchase three (3) CNG transit buses	\$ 0

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Resolution PA-00-14 is hereby amended.